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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 7118

FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DAILY RICE SITUATION

REF: PHNOM PENH 7083

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH
COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 13 THROUGHT JULY 23, 1973.

	7/13	7/14	7/15	7/16
BEGINNING STOCK	13,445.8	15,300.4	15,550.4	15,000.4
ROUTE 4	-	-	-	-
ROUTE 5	-	800	-	-
MEKONG	2,371	-	-	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	15,816.8	16,100.4	15,550.4	15,000.4
LESS DISTRIBUTION	503.9	550	550	550
BALANCE	15,312.9	15,550.4	15,000.4	14,450.4

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ADJUSTMENT(RE-

BAGGING, WET RICE,
ETC.) 12.5
BALANCE 15,300.4

	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20
BEGINNING STOCK	14,450.4	14,700.4	19,900.4	19,350.4
ROUTE 4	-	-	-	-
ROUTE 5	800	-	-	-
MEKONG	-	5,750	-	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	15,250.4	20,450.4	19,900.4	19,350.4
LESS DISTRIBUTION	550	550	550	550
BALANCE	14,700.4	19,900.4	19,350.4	18,800.4

	7/21	7/22	7/23
BEGINNING STOCK	18,800.4	19,050.4	18,500.4
ROUTE 4	-	-	-
49753 5	800	-	-
MEKONG	-	-	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	19,600.4	19,050.4	18,500.4
LESS DISTRIBUTION	550	550	550
BALANCE	19,050.4	18,500.4	17,950.4 - 32.6 DAYS

- 1) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5 IS CLOSED: 16,350.4 AT 550 - 29.7 DAYS
- 2) IN THE EVENT THE MEKONG IS CLOSED: 12,200.4 AT 550 - 22.1 DAYS
- 3) IN THE EVENT BOTH ROUTE 5 AND THE
MEKONG ARE CLOSED: 10,600.4 AT 550 - 19.2 DAYS
- 4) IN THE EVENT BOTH ROUTE 5 AND THE
MEKONG ARE CLOSED WITH CONSUMPTION
AT 600 M/T PER DAY: 10,050.4 AT 600 - 16.7 DAYS

2. RICE PRICES. QUANTITIES OF RICE IN EXCESS OF 15 KG COULD NOT BE PURCHASED ON THE OPEN MARKET TODAY. BROKENS 1/2 COULD NOT BE PURCHASED IN ANY UNIT AND BROKENS 3/4 COULD ONLY BE PURCHASED IN 1 KG UNITS. DATA GATHERED ON THE OPEN MARKET REFLECT THAT RICE PRICES HAVE INCREASED SINCE YESTERDAY (JULY 13).

7/14/73	GKR		
RICE	1 KG.	15 KG.	100 KG.
1/15	89	1300	5700
1/25	83	1200	5500

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1/50	68	1000	5000
BROKEN 1/2 -	NONE AVAILABLE -		
BROKEN 3/4 60	NONE AVAILABLE -		

3. RICE DISTRIBUTION. THE DAILY RICE DISTRIBUTION RATE CONTINUES TO BE WITHIN THE 550 M/T LIMIT PER DAY.

4. ROUTE 5. A CONVOY FROM BATTAMBANG IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE

IN PHNOM PENH SOMETIME TODAY.

5. ROUTE 4. A CONVOY REFERRED TO IN REFTEL WILL DEPART PHNOM PENH FOR KOMPONG SOM TOMORROW (JULY 15) TO MEET THE INCOMING HOEGH PILOT.

6. THAI RICE. THE GKR HAS RECEIVED A CABLE FROM ITS EMBASSY IN BANGKOK WHICH STATES THAT THE RTG IS PREPARED TO MAKE 5,000 M/T OF BROKENS AVAILABLE. LY KIM HENG HAS INDICATED THAT THE 5,000 M/T OF BROKENS WILL BE ACCEPTED BUT AT THE SAME TIME THE GKR WILL PRESS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 M/T OF RICE FROM THAILAND.

7. BATTAMBANG RICE. THE AMBASSADOR HAS SENT A LETTER TO LON NOL EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN WITH THE SLOW PACE OF RICE PURCHASES IN BATTAMBANG AND CONVOYS TO PHNOM PENH. THE LETTER REQUESTS LON NOL TO INSTRUCT THE GOVERNOR TO ASSIST SORAPA IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO PURCHASE RICE AND ASSURE THAT NO LESS THAN 20,000 M/T OF RICE BE TRANSPORTED TO PHNOM PENH IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. A RECENT REPORT FROM BATTAMBANG INDICATES THAT SORAPA IS PURCHASING MORE RICE. AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY SORAPA STOCKS IN BATTAMBANG TOTALED 3,750 M/T OF RICE (OR RICE EQUIVALENT IN PADDY). AS OF JUNE 10 SORAPA STOCKS HAD RISEN TO 5,785 M/T OF RICE OR AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 2,000 M/T. IN ADDITION TO THESE STOCKS SATRAR REPORTEDLY HAS APPROXIMATELY 4,000 M/T IN STOCK AND 15,000 TO 16,000 M/T REMAINS IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE MERCHANTS. WE EXPECT A MORE DETAILED STOCK REPORT UPON THE RETURN OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FROM BATTAMBANG.

8. ON JULY 13 DOMESTIC AIRLINES FLEW 10 SORTIES TO SVAY RIENG AIR- LIFTING A TOTAL OF 30.3 M/T. IN ADDITION, AIRDROPS FROM U-TAPAO TOTALED 58 M/T ON THAT SAME DAY. FOR KOMPONG CHAM, THE FOLLOWING FIGURES HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY THE GKR RICE COMMITTEE AND/OR MEDTC:
A. JULY 11. TOTAL OF 41.6 M/T AIRLANDED OUT OF PHNOM PENH, OF WHICH 35.1 M/T BY USAF C-130S AND 6.5 M/T BY DOMESTIC AIRLINES.
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B. JULY 12. TOTAL 57.8 M/T, SAME ORIGIN, OF WHICH 47.9 M/T BY C-130S AND 9.9 M/T BY DOMESTIC AIRLINES.

C. JULY 13. TOTAL 47.9 M/T ALL BY C-130S.

D. JULY 14. A TOTAL OF 28.1 M/T IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED, OF WHICH 19 BY C-130S AND 9.1 BY DOMESTIC AIRLINES.

THE RICE COMMITTEE MEMBER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IS WORKING OUT AN AIRLIFT FINANCING PLAN WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. FOR PAYMENT OF FREIGHT COSTS TO THE AIRLINES, MINFIN HAS AGREED TO RELEASE FIVE MILLION RIELS TO DEFRAY FREIGHT COSTS FROM JULY 1 TO THE PRESENT. IN THE FUTURE, PAYMENT TO THE AIRLINES WILL BE MADE UPON PRESENTATION OF INVOICES CERTIFIED BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. FOR PAYMENT OF THE RICE BY THE RECIPIENT TOWNS, A REVOLVING FUND IS BEING ESTABLISHED BY LETTING THE TOWNS DRAW THE FIRST HALF OF THEIR MONTHLY RICE QUOTA ON CREDIT. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THIS

RICE WILL THEN BE USED BY THE TOWNS TO PURCHASE FOR CASH ENSUING
ONE-HALF MONTH QUOTAS, WITH PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF PICK-UP AT
GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSES.
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